



## FREE ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS!!!

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (Department) is pleased to inform all non-profit organizations and municipal and tribal leaders in Rhode Island of the **Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program**. The TBA Program is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administered through the Department's Office of Waste Management.

A Brownfield Site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. The purpose of the TBA program is to provide environmental site assessments of Brownfields to determine the actual extent and severity of contamination, if any is present. The TBA is conducted by one of the Department's technical assistance contractors (TACs) with direct oversight and control by Department personnel. The TBA Report, generated by the performance of the TBA, fully meets the Site Investigation requirements of Section 7 of the Rules and Regulations for the Investigation and Remediation of Hazardous Material Releases (Remediation Regulations). The TBA Report will also provide a preliminary cost estimate for any remediation that may be required to bring the site into compliance with the Remediation Regulations. Due to the fact that the Department generates the TBA Report, it enjoys a higher level of acceptance with the business and environmental communities and eliminates the uncertainty surrounding the required cleanup of the Property, thereby facilitating its redevelopment and reuse.

**The Department is strongly encouraging municipalities, non-profit organizations (particularly those partnered with municipalities) and Indian tribes interested in the redevelopment of Brownfields within their jurisdiction to apply for the TBA. The costs of these TBAs are fully paid for by DEM through EPA funding.** It is important to note, however, that this program is strictly for investigations **only** and does not fund any remediation, if required. The Department would also like to make clear that this program is targeted specifically at government, tribal, and non-profit organizations that are not considered Responsible Parties relative to the contaminated Property.

A Brownfield site within your community, which meets the following criteria, may qualify for a TBA grant:

- Property is owned or will be owned by your municipality, Indian tribe, or non-profit organization;
- Legal site access has been or will be obtained during the application period;
- Your municipality, Indian tribe or non-profit organization has not contributed to the contamination present at the Brownfield or is otherwise not defined as a responsible party;
- A redevelopment plan is in place or has been substantially completed with emphasis on reuses that benefit the general public.

For additional information regarding Brownfields please visit our website at

<http://www.state.ri.us/DEM/brownfields/default.htm>

A TBA application can be downloaded from the website for your use or we can send one to you upon request. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cynthia Gianfrancesco by telephone at (401) 222-4700 extension 7126 or by e-mail at [Cynthia.Gianfrancesco@dem.ri.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Gianfrancesco@dem.ri.gov).